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1. With the exception of Abdur Rahim Ju-Jang, police chief of Kashgar¹, all army, police and civil officials are Chinese or Russian, mostly from Ili. Soviet agents have spread throughout Sinkiang Province, and all officials are carefully watched.
2. Qazis and mullahs have been superseded by courts which deal with cases very promptly.² Religion has been relegated to the background, and Islamic religious rules are violated openly. Drinking and dancing are encouraged, and on 14 August 1951 a dancing and singing party was held in the Id Gah, Kashgar. Purdah is vigorously discouraged, and women are given education and employment in schools, offices and even the army.
3. An active propaganda campaign, involving almost daily meetings, processions, dramas, films and various sorts of literature, is carried on to convert the people to the Communist ideology. Dancing halls have been established.
4. Compulsory and free education is given to adults and children. All the senior teachers are either Chinese or Russian, rather than local people.
5. The main exports are wool, silk, hides, cotton, wheat, rice and mustard oil.³ The important commodities which are imported include sugar, matches, cigarettes, coal, salt, iron ore, machinery and military supplies.
6. Despite the fact that the land tax is so heavy that it cannot be met by the produce of the land, new irrigation canals have been dug and fallow lands put under cultivation. In early 1952 it was rumored that the Communist agrarian program would be put into effect after April 1952, with private holdings limited to 5 mohars (approximately 30 kanals⁴) of land, and the recently imported tractors used for collective farming. In some cases plows, cattle

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and seeds have been given free to farmers.

7. Trade unions and cooperative societies have been established in various places.
8. Four textile mills, for making silk cloth, have been constructed at Kashgar, and one textile mill at Yangi Shahr (Sulo, 76-06, 39-25).
9. Postal and telegraph facilities have been improved; telegrams can be sent from Yangi Shahr to any part of China.
10. There are about two hundred trucks in operation on the roads about Kashgar.⁵
11. Prices have risen under the Chinese Communist regime, as is indicated by the following figures:⁶

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<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Cost before the Communist Regime</u>	<u>Cost in early 1951</u>
Wheat Ata	6/7 sers for 1 rupee	3/4 ser for 1 rupee
Meat	3 sers for 1 rupee	1/2 ser for 1 rupee
Sugar	2 sers for 1 rupee	1/2 ser for 1 rupee
Ghee	1 1/2 sers for 1 rupee	1/4 ser for 1 rupee
Firewood	1 maund for 1 rupee	10 sers for 1 rupee
Galeshes	Rs. 2 per pair	Rs.20 per pair

1. [] Comment. [] Abdul Rahim 50X1-HUM
 Akhund, two other local men were listed among the Kashgar officials.
2. [] Comment. These courts may be these of the mehalla mukhtars
 [] or the weekly public trials [] 50X1-HUM
3. [] Comment. Both the exports and imports listed here differ somewhat from those reported []
4. [] Comment. One kanal equals 405 square yards, which makes the total individual holding approximately 2 1/2 acres, or one hectare of ground. 50X1-HUM
5. [] Comment. [] 300 trucks in operation. 50X1-HUM
6. [] Comment. The meaning of wheat Ata is not clear, nor are the figures on wheat, which could mean "six or seven sers" contrasted with "three or four sers" or "three-fourths ser." Judging by the firewood prices, and assuming that one maund equals the usual 40 sers, the early 1951 price for local products appears to be about four times the earlier price, with sugar, an import, showing about the same increase, if the 1951 price be read as one-half ser for one rupee. Ghee and meat would have increased to six times their earlier cost. The figures on wheat indicate an increase to 800 percent of the earlier price, or to 200 percent, or to 114 percent, depending on how they are read.

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